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## REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

### CHICAGO FED NEWS

The Chicago Federation News is one of the labor papers which runs a genuine editorial column and doesn't as the Sacramento Labor Bulletin and Los Angeles Labor Citizen do, just clip out AFLCIO News editorials and republish them without crediting the source.

"Once more," says the Chicago Federation News, "we must turn to the editorial columns of the New York Times for some light on the labor law situation. Perhaps you wonder why we quote the New York Times so often on labor matters or on events in which labor has a great interest."

"The New York Times," the Chicago Federation News continues, is not dedicated to the purpose of hallowing organized labor. In fact, most of its circulation is due to the patronage of those in the high money brackets. In spite of that the New York Times renders us a service which the Chicago daily papers do not. In its editorial columns it brings together conflicting ideas and controversial subjects, and analyzes them with an eye toward the long range goals of labor, government, and human relations."

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### TIMES SPENDS MONEY

We are glad to have a labor paper which itself publishes such good editorials confirm us in our own habit of relying upon the New York Times so much for labor news and comment.

Incidentally, the New York Times recently issued for the first time in its history a public financial report. The report shows that every year for 60 years the Times has made money. Last year its net profit was \$3,010,167, more than half of which came from its investment in a paper company which supplies about two-thirds of the newsprint consumed by the Times.

The paper had 5,624 employees in 1957, and of these 883 were in the news and editorial departments; total payroll, \$33,294,-076.

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### BUT IT PAYS!

Plainly it costs money to produce a great newspaper. But apparently it pays to produce a really good newspaper.

(Oakland Tribune please copy.)

## Pat Sander appointed

CLC President Al Brown announces the appointment of Pat Sander, business representative of Cooks Union No. 228 to serve on the advisory committee of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Key buses roll as Carmen 192 make gains

Those yellow things are back on the street again. So reported President Vern Stambaugh of Carmens Union, Division 192 to the Central Labor Council last Monday night on the outcome of the 6 day strike against the Key System Transit Lines.

Stambaugh further stated that the union felt they came out of the strike with a fair settlement and patrons, the company and the union can look forward to peace for two years.

President Stambaugh prior to the CLC meeting told East Bay Labor Journal the following:

Members of Carmens Union, Division 192 returned to work Sunday, June 8 at 12:01 a.m. after a 6 day strike that had tied up all local and transbay bus transportation.

Agreement was reached on Thursday, June 5 after a marathon negotiations between the company and the union and the new agreement was submitted to the union membership for ratification on Friday, June 6. The vote for accepting the new contract was: For, 829, Against, 65.

The new pact is for 2 years. Two changes were made in the vacation section that provide two weeks after two years instead of three years and three weeks after 9 years instead of after twelve years. Gains were also made in the sick leave section of the contract that will provide that members of Division 192 will receive sick leave starting the third day instead of the 4th and 10 days sick leave after 7 years instead of after ten years service.

### MONEY

The union made appreciable monetary gains in the new

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## Kaiser dues boost for oldsters rapped by Auto Mechanics

East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546, over the signature of J. E. Clark, Financial Secretary presents the following news release:

Last week the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, hailed as one of the best hospital plans for the working people in the nation, sent notices to its members of 65 years or over that their dues would be increased as of July 1st. \$1.80 per month for members and \$1.20 for dependents; a total of \$3.00 or thirty percent for husband and wife.

When this plan was proposed to our members, they had no idea they would be penalized for growing old and were young enough at that time to make other plans. Now they have no choice. They must pay the additional cost when they are least able to pay or get out.

Maybe this is another good reason for socialized medical care.

## AL THOMAN, HARRIS WILKIN, PAUL KATZ ELECTED TO CLC COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Al Thoman, business representative of Carpenters Union No. 36 was elected to the vacancy on the Executive Committee of the Central Labor Council at last Monday night meeting.

At the same meeting, Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870 was elected as a member of the Law and Legislative Committee. Both of the above vacancies were created by the resignation of Les Benham, Bakery Wagon Drivers 432. Paul Katz, representing Cemetery Workers 222 was elected to the Civil Rights Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Howard Jeter. All of the elections were unanimous.

## COPE Conference; local election day; a smear campaign?

Delegates to the Central Labor Council meeting last Monday night received a report from Les Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176 on the regional COPE conference held in San Francisco last weekend embracing the 7 western states.

Moore, in reporting on the conference paid tribute to the state of Oregon COPE for the huge number of delegates that they brought down, 2 busloads full.

Moore stated that the womens division of Oregon COPE do a tremendous registration job in their state and their system might well be copied in California.

Stating that Oregon amazed everyone in that they had as many delegates as California, Moore concluded by stating that in his opinion all sessions were very good but the main topic of conversation was "What is the AFL going to do now, with its dual endorsement for U. S. Senator after Tuesdays primary?"

Earlier in the meeting, assistant secretary Dick Groulx reported on a few election day problems that were faced by he and several union members. Working out of the Food Clerks office on Foothill Blvd., Groulx stated that he and some 15 unionists worked all day in passing out literature, checked precinct lists, got people to the polls and did in general, everything that should be done to assure victory. However, in many instances little or no coordination was evident between labor endorsed candidates headquarters and the group of 15 unionists working toward the same end.

Paying tribute to the Food Clerks officials for their splendid cooperation, Groulx thanked especially the following for their hard work on that day: Jack "Frenchy" Tobler UAW 1031 for the fine job he did in organizing the volunteer workers, Bob Nycum, Tony Lopez, Jim Perry, MORE on page 4

## Company violating pact may be sued by the BTC

Building Trades Council Business Representative J. L. Childers has been given full power to act, including court action if necessary, against the Amalgamated Construction Company.

The Board of Business Agents had given full consideration to the problems constantly arising with the Amalgamated.

Childers in reporting to the council the board's discussion pointed out that Amalgamated has for a long time been signatory to a BTC contract, but that incessantly problems with the company come up in relation to almost every craft in the council.

### UC SICK LEAVE

Letters from Smith & Parrish and from Charles P. Scully, the attorneys who handled the UC employees' sick leave case had been read and discussed at the board meeting, where it was agreed that the case not be appealed, and that the matter be considered closed.

The court held that the strike against UC was illegal, and that the authorities there had the

right to cut off the sick leave. The attorneys advised that if any appeal were taken it should be to the Legislature rather than to the courts.

### QUIT THE TAXPAYERS

Charles Geroni, Linoleum Layers 1290, moved that the council disaffiliate from the Alameda County Taxpayers Association. He explained that the annual bill for dues had come in, and the trustees felt that there was no reason the council should continue to pay good money into an outfit which spent so much of its energy "beating us on the head."

The motion was carried.

### MARBLE CRETE PRODUCTS

Angelo Sposeto of the Marble Crete Products Company wrote that he would recognize the BTC as representative of his employees.

Childers explained that Steel Machinists 1304 members had been doing some work there, that the BTC office had insisted the work come within building trades jurisdiction, and that the company had agreed to this.

### GARDEN SHOW WORK

Oakland Parks Superintendent William P. Mott notified the council that Harry Henry, about whose doing work at the Garden Show while on the Oakland city payroll there had been a

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## Central Labor Council warned: tough battle from here to Nov.

Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash warned the Central Labor Council at its Monday night meeting that every segment of the labor movement in Alameda County would have to pitch in and work harder from now until after the general election in November than they did in the primary election if the trend that was established last Tuesday was to continue.

While gratified at the results that showed labors candidate for Governor Edmund G. Pat Brown amassing 63% of the vote in Alameda County against Right to Work Republican Wm. Knowland, Ash stated that the Republican party would pour thousands and thousands of dollars into the November final to rescue their gubernatorial candidate.

Stating that we can do as good or better in the November finals, Ash pointed out that it is going to take the 100% combined efforts of every official and trade unionist to keep the ball rolling to complete victory in November.

Pointing to the closeness of several of the local races Ash stated that it was up to every individual to work day in and day out from now until November if we were to assure victory for our endorsed candidates. Continuing further Ash pointed out that the Republicans, both nationally and State were deeply concerned about California and would leave no stone unturned to

change the trend of voting between now and November.

As county clerks throughout each county in California were in the midst of the arduous task of making the official canvass of the June 3rd primary election

### DON'T BELIEVE REPUBLICAN FAIRY TALES: LUMSDEN

Harry Lumsden delegate from Shipyard Laborers 886 warned delegates to the Central Labor Council last Monday not to believe the press reports that the moneybags of the Republican party were about ready to chop off the dough for Right-to-Worker Wm. Knowland.

This is strictly a diversionary tactic said Lumsden to lull labor to sleep between now and November. Don't pay any attention to any press reports as all of this has happened before and Labor has fallen into the trap Lumsden concluded.

which must be certified to the Secretary of State by June 28, officials of the Democratic party while elated over the primary results were taking a "running scared" attitude for the November finals.

"With the official canvass being prepared from all counties and strictly from unofficial returns on a statewide basis it appeared

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## Laborers re-elect Bostwick 8-1

Howard 'Whitey' Bostwick, incumbent business representative of Laborers Union Local 304 was overwhelmingly reelected in a two day election, June 6 and 7 over his nearest opponent by a 8 to 1 margin.

Bostwick polled 806 votes to his nearest opponent Henry Hill,

Jr. who polled an even 100 votes while Tom E. Williams finished in third place with a total of 59 votes.

All other officers of the union were elected unanimously as reported by East Bay Labor Journal in its June 6 issue.

# HOW TO BUY

## How to handle debts

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

What happens to working people who owe debts in a time of layoffs, reduced work week or even a strike? How you handle your debts in a crisis can affect whether or not you hold on to your partly-paid belongings, and also your future credit standing.

The fact is, wage-earners often undertake installment debts on the basis of their full employment income, and sometimes even their wives' earnings. Thus a loss of accustomed overtime, let alone a cut in work week or a layoff, makes it hard to keep up with payments.

About 50 percent of all families owe some installment debt. The problem of handling these debts is especially severe for the many families who came to industrial communities from small towns and rural areas during and immediately after World War II. The Family Service Agency of Flint, Mich., reports that these people have had no previous experience with easy credit or how to manage money, and never tried to list their expenditures to see how the total compares to their incomes.

A study of what happened to striking aircraft workers in a four-months strike on Long Island, N. Y., in 1956, offers useful clues to other families who owe installment debts. The study, by Harold Wattel, director of Hofstra College Bureau of Business and Community Research, found that those workers who got in touch with their creditors, were able to arrange for reduced payments over a longer period of time. But those who failed to make such arrangements, lost their good credit ratings as temporary lapses became permanent. In general, the businessmen in the community agreed to give additional credit or rearrange credit terms for those delinquent debts on which past payment records were good.

In this instance, the leadership of the union local involved in the strike recognized in advance the problem of its members' debts. The local sent letters to finance companies in the area

asking that they grant members extensions on their debts during the period of no income. In general, the finance companies complied, although they continued to charge interest rates on the accounts held in abeyance. The additional finance charges finally increased the total amount of the debts. But at least the strikers avoided repossession of their goods.

For example, one of the crew chiefs at the aircraft plant had given a large auto finance company two bad checks even before the strike. The credit men already were a little dubious about his account. But when the union's letter arrived, the finance company decided to go along with this man, and postponed his payments for five months.

The union's action was especially valuable in the case of automobile debts. Finance companies generally are quicker to repossess autos than other goods; autos are more easily resalable, Dr. Wattel points out.

It's vital to contact your creditors before your account becomes past due, and rearrange the payment terms or ask for an extension, the Long Island experience indicates. Dr. Wattel says that many people have the mistaken notion they can satisfy their obligations under conditional sales contracts and chattel mortgages simply by returning goods bought on installments. But the laws are stacked in favor of the creditors. You are still liable for the difference between the present value of the goods, now secondhand and not worth as much, and the balance of your debt plus repossession costs. You also harm your credit rating if you let goods be repossessed. In the world of businessmen, this is a cardinal sin. They don't want the stuff either.

Significantly, the families with many small debts encountered more trouble keeping up with payments than those who had a single large debt. Dr. Wattel found. This shows the value of avoiding small debts. For another reason, small debts always carry the highest finance fees. These are the purchases that should be managed out of cash income.

## Thoughtful!

"Madam," said the judge severely, "you are charged with creeping into your husband's room and shooting him with a bow and arrow. Will you now tell the jury your reason?"

"Yes, your honor," was the reply. "I didn't want to wake the children."

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

**HOME TO SMALL?** That's what many householders think, and dream of the day when they can get a larger one.

Home too large? Too much trouble to take care of so much room? That's what many householders think, and look forward to the day when they can retire and live in a compact trailer.

**THE SMALLEST HOME** heard of lately is about the size of a Plymouth station wagon, according to Charles A. Dempsey, in charge of an experimental project of the Air Force. He's trying to work out the minimum space in which 5 men could live for 5 days in a space ship.

It contains 710 cubic feet. It's divided into a working area, where the men sit in front of an instrument panel, and a living room 5 by 6 feet, fitted with two bunks that flank a table, with storage space for clean and soiled clothes, and a rest room, fitted into the walls.

**A KITCHEN** that is recessed into the walls of this room contains a tiny deep freeze unit, a warming oven for the food, a "hot" cup to warm beverages, and a grill for cooking eggs. All operate by electricity. Each man also has a drawer in which to keep dried foods and his eating utensils.

"Each person gets 3200 calories a day and, if we used other storage space for food, we could extend the present 5-day living limit to 15 days," says Dempsey.

There are no windows, of course. Air conditioning does the trick.

**THE COLOR SCHEME** was carefully chosen.

Not to carry out the latest decorating vogue, however, but to help the tenants' remember "which way is up!"

## Eating on 50 cents daily

Coeds at Brigham Young University in Utah are constantly doing what any housewife knows can not be done: they are eating on 50 cents a day. And they are doing it despite the rising cost of meat and potatoes.

The girls do not seem to lose weight; they get nutritious, but simple, meals and they have a reasonable varied diet.

They do it in a sort of nine-day combat course run by seniors in the homemaking curriculum. The course was set up because homemaking instructors believe that they every girl should know how to avoid starvation on a tight budget.

## Barbara Bell Patterns



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## Vanilla still the favorite

Automobile manufacturers come out with new models every year, but most ice cream producers go them one better. They introduce a new flavor on the average of every two months. The names of the ice creams sometimes are as flamboyant as the car colors of recent vintage.

But although people may now eat more ice cream than ever before, their taste in flavors remains conservative. Slightly more than half of all the ice cream sold is vanilla. Chocolate, favored by young people, and strawberry, more popular with oldsters, rank second and third, respectively. Other flavors lag far behind.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**THIS IS THE TIME** of year when we all get vacation-minded, and so this is the time of year that "Unity House", the famed vacation resort of the International Ladies' Garment Worker's Union sends out its announcements.

Before the ILGWU was organized the garment workers were indeed slaves. Working long hours, for low pay, in tenements in the slums, or in fire-trap lofts, a trip to Coney Island was about the most they could hope for during the long hot summer.

For most of the garment workers were, and still are, in New York City, and vacations in the mountains and by the sea are beyond the means of average workers.

And so this far-seeing union decided to do something about it, decided to build and maintain a vacation spot for their members at a price they could afford to pay.

"Unity House" is this dream come true. It is a thousand acre woodland spot with its own lake in the beautiful Pocono mountains of eastern Pennsylvania, and has been operated by the ILGWU as a non-profit resort for 39 years.

Games and sports, nursery care for small children, attractive rooms and cottages, and excellent meals are available at the small price of \$45 a week, and up, according to the type of accommodation desired. Members of any bona-fide trade union are eligible.

There are lectures by nationally known speakers for the serious minded. There are movies and television for leisure hours, there are games and get-togethers. A wonderful place for the refugees from hot and beat-up cities!

Next time someone comes to you with a long account of all the bad things the unions do, sit down and tell him about the miracle of "Unity House".

And at that, no Californian, with woods and sea and mountains so accessible to all, can possibly know what such a place as this can mean to workers in a big steaming eastern city.

## Nice loaves

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## Key buses roll as Carmens Division 192 makes gains

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agreement after the original company offer of 4 cents per hour was turned down in the initial negotiations preceding the strike. Starting last Sunday, June 8, members of Division 192 will receive 10 cents per hour more until next June 1 when another 8 cents will be tacked on to the hourly rate which makes the pay increase per hour 18 cents over 2 years.

Members working on any of the 6 holidays in the contract will, effective as of now receive double time for the holiday instead of the previous time and one half.

Another major gain was for drivers on the extra board. Those not having seniority for regular routes will have their guarantee of work increased from 145 hours in 4 weeks to 75 hours bi-weekly.

Other gains were made, one which included an increase of 1½ cent per hour for each hour worked to the Key System Employees Medical Plan.

The negotiating committee for the union was headed by President Vern Stambaugh and composed of the following: Bob Brosamer, Emil Scala, C. R. Gifford, Wm. Castlebury, V. Bailey, L. R. Butler and International Executive Board Member Robert Stack. Federal Conciliators Arthur Viat and Robert Patterson assisted in the final negotiations.

## Remington Rand sponsors Miss Union Secretary contest for second year

Remington Rand announced that they are again sponsoring the "Miss Union Secretary" contest to honor the outstanding female office employee of a labor union in the United States.

Remington Rand was the first manufacturer of typewriters and office machines to put the Union Label of the International Association of Machinists on its machines. Some Remington products now carry the label of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The contest will give union office workers a chance to compete for the 23 substantial prizes—first prize alone is a check for one thousand dollars plus a portable typewriter plus a week's all-expenses-paid vacation.

## CLC delegate seated

CLC President Al Brown at the Monday, June 9, meeting of the Central Labor Council obligated Albert Storm of Butchers Union, No. 508.

## Central Labor Council warned: tough battle from here to Nov.

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that labor endorsed Pat Brown would have more than a 600,000 vote margin over Wm. Knowland, Republican candidate and right to work proponent in the race for Governor.

All other Democratic candidates were assured of nomination and there will be runoffs in November for all statewide partisan offices.

It also appeared there was a strong possibility that the Democratic party could win both the State Assembly and State Senate in November if the primary voting trend continued into the general election.

Of interest also to the labor movement were the daily newspaper reports of the "go it alone" attitudes of many of the Republican candidates for statewide and national offices who appear about ready to divorce themselves from the campaign of right to work proponent Republican Wm. Knowland.

In Alameda County all labor endorsed candidates for state office qualified for the finals in November while 2 candidates wrapped up both nominations in the primary and are assured of election.

### MILLER-CROWN

Congressman George P. Miller, long a friend and champion of the labor movement won both party nominations. Assemblyman Robert Crown of Alameda seeking his first reelection in the 14th district after compiling a 100% voting record for labor in his first term in Sacramento came through to win both nominations.

### DUNN-SWEENEY

Francis Dunn, member of Painters 127, former Assemblyman running for his first reelection as a member of the Board of Supervisors defeated two opponents to win handily as did Supervisor Leland Sweeney who defeated his lone opponent to win reelection, for these non-partisan offices.

### COHELAN-HOLMDAHL

In the Seventh Congressional District, union leader Jeffery Cohelan ran a gratifying race to qualify against Republican incumbent John Allen. Last unofficial returns showed that Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Wagon Drivers 302 was only 1100 odd votes behind in trailing the incumbent, the strongest showing ever made by a Democrat in that district. Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl endorsed for the State Senate by all segments of labor easily qualified on the Democratic side defeating two opponents and will face a runoff in November against the Republican nominee.

### PETRIS McKIBBEN, HACKETT

In the 15th, 16th and 18th As-

sembly districts, Nicholas Petris, Wilma Hackett and Winton McKibben, all labor endorsed qualified and face runoffs in November. Carlos Bee in the 13th and Byron Rumford in the 17th district drew no opposition and were elected in the Primary.

### SCHOOL BONDS

Of special interest to Alameda County labor was the apparent victory of the Oakland School Bonds that went down to defeat earlier in the year. With still hundreds of absentee ballots to be counted the school bond measure held a slight lead and political observers feel that it will carry even when all absentee ballots are tallied. Proposition B the water development bonds won handily with no organized opposition against them.

## GE ties in scab clothing to sales

The presidents of two AFL-CIO unions have protested the tie-in of nonunion men's suits with the sale of General Electric major appliances in the Chicago area.

The joint protest was issued by James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical and Radio Workers, which represents more than 100,000 workers in General Electric, and Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America which is engaged in a bitter struggle with Richman Bros. of Cleveland.

General Electric dealers in the Chicago area are offering the non-union suits made by Richman with the purchase of a G. E. major appliance. The deal was made by agreement with G. E., said George H. Richman, president of the non-union firm, as quoted in the Daily News Record, trade publication in the men's clothing industry.

Richman was quoted as saying that the deal was confined to the Chicago area for the present, but refused to say whether deals would be made for other areas.

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Last Tuesday, June 10 could have been classified as debate night for Secretary Ash and Assistant Secretary Groulx. Secretary Ash traveled to Stockton to debate the Right-to-Work issue with the regional director of the National Association of Manufacturers while assistant secretary Groulx debated the same measure at Cornell School in Berkeley against Winton Caldwell of the California Employers Association.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE paid out some \$20,307,900 in wages last year to its employees in and around Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and Alameda. The huge payroll, earned by 4,142 men and women, was one of the figures reported by district telephone manager L. L. Vieira to indicate his company's role in the community in 1957.

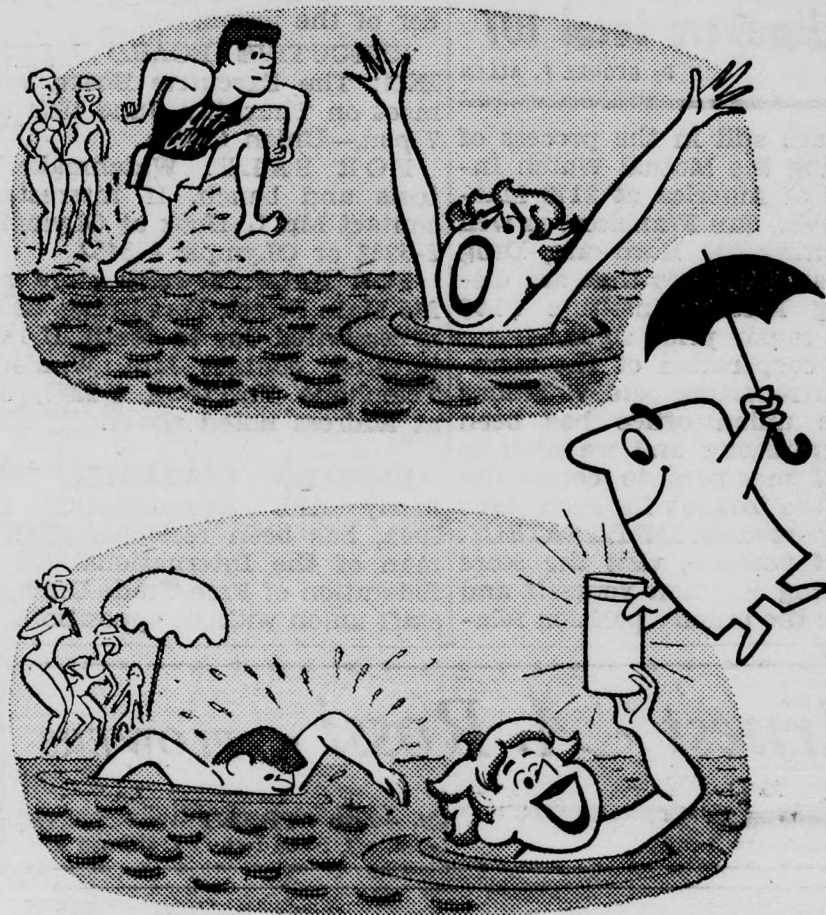
## "Unemployment and the Consumer" Conference; Asilomar, June 13-15

Attention of all trade unionists was called to the coming weekend conference on "Unemployment and the Consumer" at Asilomar, Monterey Peninsula, June 13-15.

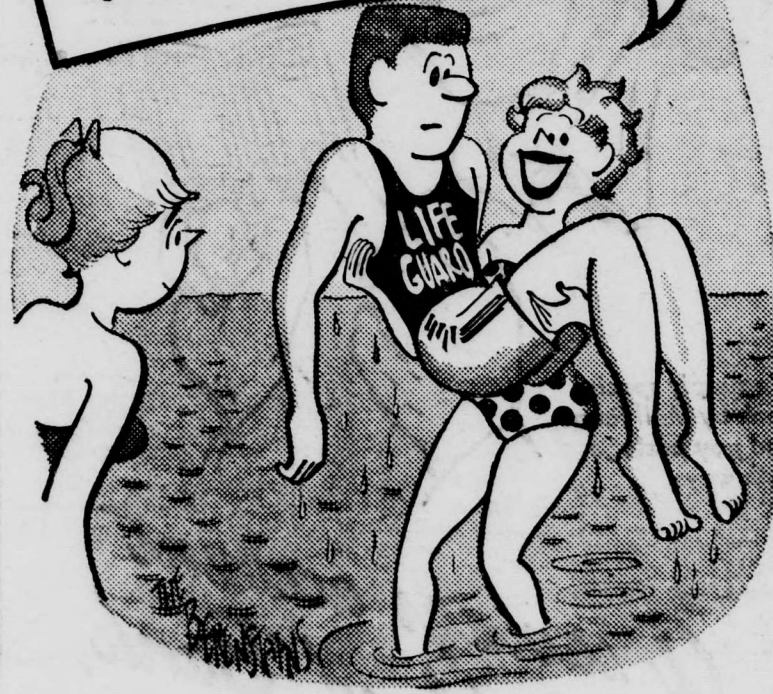
The Asilomar conference is being presented by Consumers Union and the Institute in cooperation with the State Federation of Labor, the California Industrial Union Council, the State Building and Construction Trades Council, and a number of other state-wide labor organizations.

There is no registration fee. Reservations should be made through: John Hutchinson, Coordinator of Labor Programs, Institute of Industrial Relations University of California, Berkeley, ASHberry 3-6000, Extension 8571/2

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## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The preliminary political event is over but I remind you the main event goes on in November. It is the job of every member to be alert to this fact and its implications. An examination of the voting shows that a great many of us did take a look at the whole ballot and voted for the last man as well as the first. We will no doubt see much activity to try and change our minds in the next four months. If we know anyone who is not registered we should see that he gets registered and is able to vote in November. Registration will begin again the first of July. Those of us who can and have the time should seek out the political clubs and lend whatever hand we can. If you don't go to sleep and really pitch in and do a job we can give "Pat" Brown a real team to put California on the beam in November.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are still in the process of picketing the Mutual Watch Institute of America at 2178 Market Street, San Francisco, as well as, visiting the Hardware, Drug and Variety stores that are displaying Mutual Institute \$6.95 watch repair price signs.

The cooperation of the members in reporting said violations to the union office has been very gratifying and we wish to ask all members to constantly be on the lookout for such signs and report them IMMEDIATELY. Also, if possible, visit the store displaying the sign yourself and explain the union's position rela-

tive to such unethical advertising.

Do not think that this case is going to be an easy matter; it will require the cooperation of EVERY member of this organization.

At the present time we have received a notice that the Mutual Watch Institute of America has filed a complaint with the NLRB against our activity. We cannot say that we are surprised, inasmuch as we have been meeting with great success in eliminating signs from those establishments which I have visited. I must add that I am all over the area from San Jose to Richmond at the present time, therefore, you can understand the magnitude of this job, and the reason we must solicit the full cooperation of every member.

We can report a new union agreement signed this week by the Bell Credit Jewelers, 383 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco.

This is the only jeweler in South San Francisco at the present time who has a watchmaker on the premises who is a member of the union.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, June 19th at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

**FOR SALE:** Watchmaker's tools and bench. If interested contact Mr. L. Hook at Olympic 2-5262 or Olympic 4-3462.

**FOR SALE:** Jewelry store at 245 Main Street, Fort Bragg. Sale necessitated due to death. If interested, contact Mrs. Whalen, Telephone Yorktown 4-2224, or at address noted above.

**RICHARD DEVERALL**, formerly AFL representative in Asia, has been reelected chairman of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' staff union without opposition.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The Skilled Improvement Committee of this Local Union has arranged to hold two meetings, one which will be held Tuesday, June 24, 1958 in the Carpenters Hall, Martinez, at 8:00 p.m., and the other to be held on Thursday, June 26, 1958 at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to have discussions on the type of skilled improvement training you desire. Speakers will be present to discuss with you the need for this type of training in order to keep up with the advancement of our industry.

As you know, our collective bargaining agreement provides for an employer's contribution of .02½ cents per hour for each hour worked, to be used for the training of apprentices and journeymen. By taking advantage of this training it not only qualifies you for more job opportunities but also keeps you up to date with the progress of our industry.

Again, please attend the meeting on Tuesday, June 24, Carpenters Hall in Martinez at 8:00 p.m., or the meeting on Thursday, June 26, Labor Temple, Oakland, at 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at both meetings.

We are looking forward to a large turn-out in both Martinez and Oakland.

## Morgan Deposits Papers in Communications Center

Edward P. Morgan, American Broadcasting Co. commentator whose program is sponsored by the AFLCIO, has given his working papers covering his career to the Mass Communications History Center here.

The papers include scripts, research files, personal correspondence and fan mail. — AFLCIO News.

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Approximately seventy - five 1304 members are not receiving the Journal and important union correspondence, because of improper addresses listed with the union. If you have moved or otherwise changed your address, we urge you to send in your correct address to the union.

Election for new officers will be held all day Thursday, June 19. We also have our regular meeting on the 19th, so after you vote, stick around for the meeting.

Did you see the article on the Apprentice Graduation?

Five of the Machinist Apprentice Graduates were 1304 members. We are depending upon our younger members to carry on trade union principles, and we sincerely hope our young machinists will take an active part in 1304.

It was encouraging to see Democrats voting for Democrats again in California. If we can repeat in November, we can remove a blight from the political scene both statewide, and nationally. Namely Knowland.

## Song book issued for use of AFLCIO

WASHINGTON—The AFLCIO Department of Education has issued a new 40-page song book containing the words of 56 songs.

The booklet suggests that the songs should be used to get union groups singing at shop and committee meetings, union schools and conferences, banquets, parties and conventions, and on the picket line.

The pocket-size publication sells for 10 cents a copy with special quantity rates. Orders should be addressed to the AFLCIO Education Department, 815 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.—AFLCIO News.

## COPE Conference; local election day; a smear campaign?

Continued from page 1  
Joe Dolan, and Bob Anderson, all from UAW 1031.

Ed Meyers, George Stolaroff, Walter Isaacson and Don Souza from UAW No. 333. Al Kidder and Bill Devine of Department and Specialty Store Clerks 1265 and Joe Seoane and an unidentified member of Joe's same union, Chemical Workers No. 62.

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36 spoke on the school bond election and some of the precinct results that he observed. Stating that in some precincts where there were a lot of children he was amazed to find the vote going against the school bonds. Citing one in particular in a heavily populated area where children abound, Thoman said the vote was 4 votes for the bonds and 94 against. Continuing, Thoman pointed out that he had just read where the House Appropriations Committee had just given its blessing to an appropriation of \$58 million, 783 thousand dollars for Northern California water projects that will make work for many Californians and Thoman wondered if this was the first step in the "lull labor to sleep campaign."

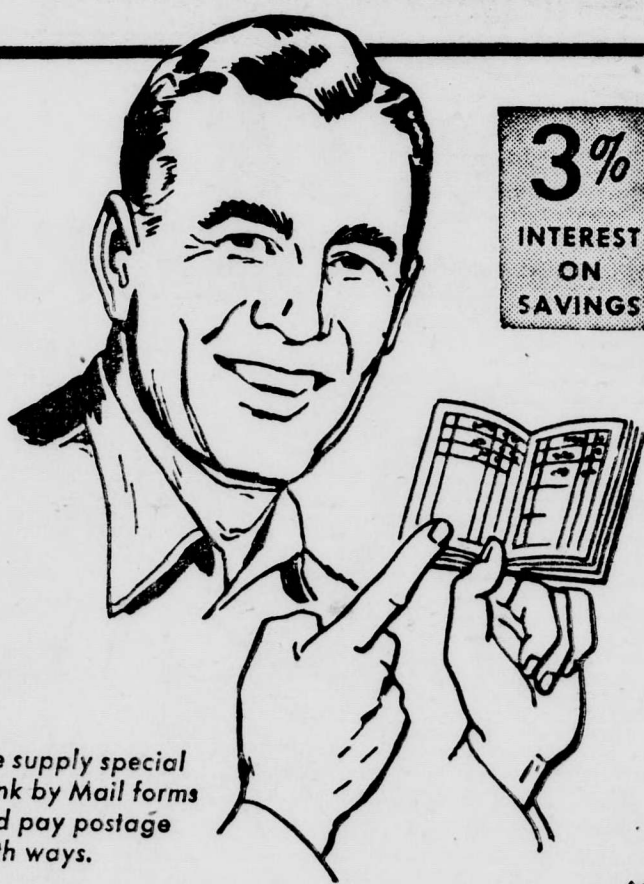
Jack "Frenchy" Tobler pointed out to the delegates that from here on out the labor movement was going to have to have more tools to work with. Citing the lack of coordination between labor endorsed candidates and volunteer workers, ready and willing to do a job, Tobler stated further that COPE has the manpower to set up the machinery and it looks like it's up to us to do the job in getting people registered for the November finale.

E. E. Montgomery, UAW No. 333 called attention of the delegates to the snide smear against Councilman Holmdahl published in Mondays edition of Oakland's only daily newspaper. Montgomery stated that the opponents of Holmdahl have wasted no time in attempting to smear the Democratic nominee for State Senator and from now on we can expect a daily smear campaign against all labor endorsed candidates.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during July, August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Please note that this is a change in meeting nights from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Please make every effort to attend your union meeting.

Fraternally,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. & Financial  
Secretary-Treasurer

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All brothers are asked to attend any of our regular meetings in June as we have a special feature to help promote more attendance.

As a reminder for those of you who are not registered to vote, I wish to state that registration will begin July 1, 1958 for all of those who have moved or anyone wishing to register and be qualified to vote November 4, 1958.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The June 13th meeting has been designated a special called meeting as requested by District Council 16 to vote on a referendum to raise the per capita tax.

Nominations will be in order for one trustee, the election to take place the following meeting.

I hope all our members have read the pamphlets sent out by the Local on the "Right to Work" bill. The working conditions we have achieved over the years will be lost if this bill is passed.

Let's have a good turnout to this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
GENE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

Fraternally yours,

## MILLMEN 550

Members wishing to donate to the local's blood bank should get in touch with Kaiser Foundation hospital or with the undersigned.

Fraternally,  
E. H. OVENBERG,  
Financial Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798, will hold a meeting, Friday, June 27, 1958, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez St., Hall D. (Election of Officers—voting booth in Local Union Office, Room 225 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Official Notice to members of Local No. 1622, 1641 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Election, Friday, June 13, voting time 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. to elect one trustee, sick committee and delegates to the State Council of Carpenters, State Federation of Labor Building Trades Council and COPE.

Contracting members and those who have not been a member of Local No. 1622 for 12 consecutive months are not eligible to vote, as per Sec. 42, Par. W., and Sec. 43, Par. Q of the International Constitution. It is the duty of every eligible member to vote.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
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## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 17, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

There will be two Special Orders of Business: 1) to vote on increase in per capita tax to Painters District Council No. 16; 2) to discuss the progress of negotiations affecting our members working in the shipyards.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, California on Sunday afternoon, June 15, 1958 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
DUNCAN C. ROSS,  
Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 17.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our next meeting dated Friday night, June 20, will be a regular one. However among other questions coming up for discussion will be the one of continuance of aid to District of Painters No. 48 who as you all know are in deep trouble; the result of final action in their case can either make us or break us.

Saturday, June 21st coming up Election of Officers of L. U. 1178, and Delegates to our various affiliates will be held in our office. The polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. on that day.

We don't have the home address of some of our members. Will you please report this lack out on the job as the reason why such members receive no communications from this and the financial secretary's office.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday, June 19, 1958 at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held all day in the Machinists Hall, 3637 San Pablo Ave., Emeryville, California.

Voting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Joint Stewards Council meets Saturday, June 21, 1958 at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local is a special called meeting on Thursday, June 26.

The meeting will elect officers and delegates for the year, and also act on any other important matters that may come up. Let's get down to this important meeting. Hope to see a lot of members present.

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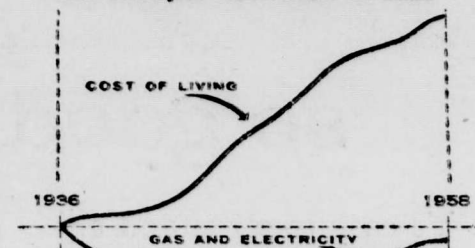
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## CLC delegates see UAW, Reuther film

Delegates to Monday night meeting of the Central Labor Council were entertained by a 27 minute United Auto Workers film of President Walter Reuther's testimony before a Senate Committee.

The film, entitled 'Prosperity' presented President Reuther and his special assistant on Automation, Nat Weinberg in their appearance before the Monopoly Committee chairmaned by Senator Estes Kefauver.

In his rapid fire way, President Reuther presented the case of the Auto Workers in their claim for a profit sharing plan from the auto companies based on the tremendous profits made by the companies over the past ten years.

Complete with charts and figures, the UAW president in his presentation caused many a chuckle from the delegates as he spoke on the tremendous salaries, pensions and bonuses paid to GM officials over the past years.

Unions or Councils interested in showing this film may contact Arnold Callan or Frank Robello at the UAW sub-regional office, Lockhaven 9-4839 and arrangements will be made to have the film shown.

## Many workers take home study course

Over 750,000 new students enrolled in private correspondence schools of the United States last year, according to a report issued by the National Home Study Council.

The total active student body numbered over 1,000,000 at year's end. Enrollment was up four percent over 1956.

"Eighty percent of home study students enroll to get ahead in their jobs or to prepare for new occupations," according to Homer Kempfer, executive director of the council. "The remainder enroll chiefly in academic and hobby courses."

Radio, television, and electronics were the most popular subjects. Religion, business, high school, mechanical trades, accounting, and art ranked next in order.

Craftsmen, foremen, and skilled workers outnumber all other occupational groups enrolled in home study courses. Over 20,000 employed adults enrolled in engineering, engineering technology, and architecture. Another 100,000 enrolled in air conditioning, appliance repair, drafting, and the building and mechanical trades.

## Brown says people don't want a 'grim and belligerent man'

Attorney General Edmund G. Brown issued the following statement election night:

"I am proud and grateful—and humble too—that the people of California have backed my candidacy for Governor with what apparently will be the largest combined primary vote on both tickets ever received by any Democratic candidate in the history of the State.

"The people of both parties, by their verdict in this phase of the campaign, had served notice that they intend to keep California on the road to economic prosperity and social gain.

"They have spoken out for progressive leadership and against radical conservatism.

"They want industrial peace under law and not massive retaliation aimed at the total destruction of trade unions.

"They demand human understanding of human needs, not impersonal government by a grim and belligerent man.

"They want their next Governor to think and act in terms of more jobs and better wages; of more schools; of Statewide water development; of lower consumer

prices, and of small business success.

"They do not want economic brinkmanship that tosses these issues over the cliff and seeks instead to benefit bulging pocketbooks through class warfare.

"These are the reasons I believe the voters of the State of both the Democratic and Republican Parties reversed the historic precedent of primary elections.

"Never before has any Democratic candidate for Governor topped the combined vote of his Republican opponent.

"The record shows that the Republican candidate has always led in the primary by half a million to almost one million votes. The opposite is true today.

"In this campaign, of course, there have been other issues that have affected the outcome. One of these was popular revulsion against a callous deal by which a United States Senator made an incumbent Republican Governor almost an outcast in his own party.

Another was resentment that this same Senator should attempt to use the Governor's office as a doormat to be stepped on in his headlong rush to reach the White House.

"During his campaign, my opponent repeatedly brushed aside the plain evidence—from polls and other sources—that the people see through his selfish policies and motives by claiming that the so-called 'silent vote' would put him over the top.

"That silent vote has spoken. And it has spoken loud and clear against what he stands for.

"I have campaigned on real—not trumped up—issues. To the hundreds of thousands of voters of both Parties who heard my voice, and voted for me, I am deeply grateful. To those who, at this point, preferred my opponent, I hope that I have gained their respect, and urge them to keep an open mind as the final campaign period unfolds.

"It will be my earnest purpose to win as many of them over to my policies and views before

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## Farm Union asks Secy. Mitchell to be investigated

There is a persistent line of propaganda, coming out of certain agencies of the U. S. Department of Labor, to the effect that the criticisms and complaints made by this Union on the administration of Public Law 78 are nothing but "unfounded allegations."

This attitude of injured self-esteem, which is supposed to win friends and influence people in favor of the Department, has once before been demolished. This was after the publication of "Strangers in our Fields" by the AFLCIO in 1956. There is now on record the testimony of public officials that "Strangers" reported the facts, and not "unfounded allegations", as stated by the Bureau of Employment Security.

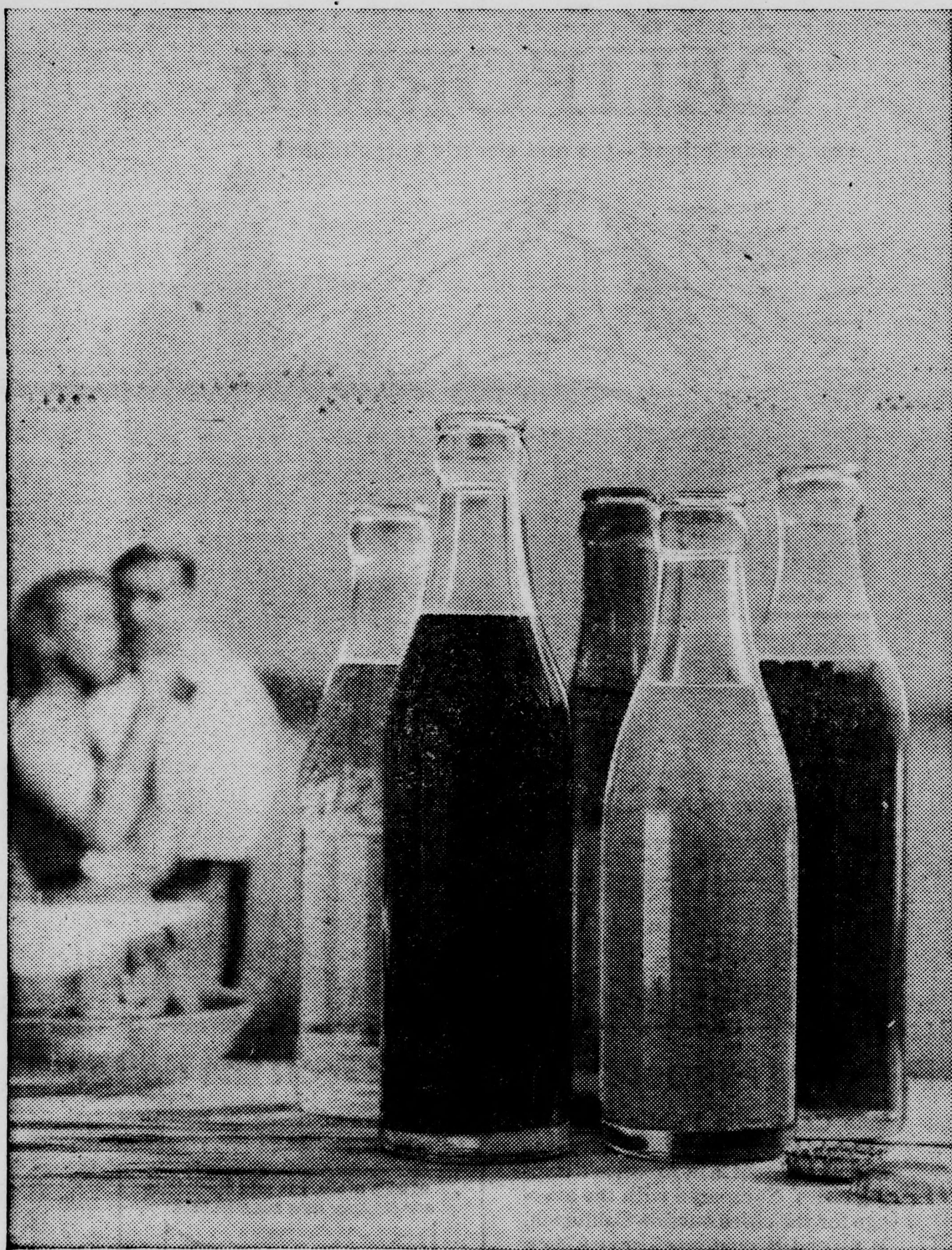
On one of your trips to California, you joined Governor Knight in a public denunciation of our "unfounded allegations", all of which have subsequently been proved to be true. However, discussion of the merits of the complaints of the domestic farm workers was foreclosed by the Governor's refusal to meet the workers face to face.

We find that the number of agricultural laborers and other citizens who are puzzled by this controversy is growing. I'm sure that those members of Congress who have followed its course are equally concerned.

The time has come, I believe, for the Department of Labor to be absolved, with apologies, of our charges in connection with Public Law 78, or for the Department to admit to their truth and mend its ways in conformity with law, morals and candor.

Such an opportunity, we thought, would be presented in a congressional investigation, which we requested in a letter to all members of Congress on February 17, 1958.

The probability of such an investigation would no doubt be increased if you would join our Union in that request and the purpose of this letter is to respectfully ask that you publicly endorse it.



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## Company violating pact may be sued by Building Trades

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complaint, had now resigned from city employ.

Childers said that John I. Hennessy of Association Home Builders was in charge of the work at the Garden Show, and that after some trouble last year Hennessy had agreed all work done this year would conform to building trades. Yet when Childers protested to Hennessy about some violations this year Hennessy's reply indicated that he was counting on a bad legal climate for labor to strengthen him in defending violations.

Hennessy has been cited by the council to discuss the issue with the Board of Business Agents.

C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, pointed out that there were other people connected with the Garden Show who are more interested in maintaining decent relations with the unions than Hennessy is. These people, said Risley, should be brought into the discussion.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

## Labor unions constitute greatest threat to GOP, political group is told

Labor unions constitute the greatest threat to the Republican Party, the GOP national finance committee chairman told a political conference recently in Nebraska.

Charles S. Thomas, national boss of Republican finances, said labor was also menacing the "free enterprise system."

The top GOP attack on labor followed by three weeks the announcement by the Republican National Women's Committee chairman that GOP women would take the fight against labor "to the precincts." — LLPE Newsletter.

## New band uniforms

Handsome new uniforms will add to the festive atmosphere as the Oakland Municipal Band, conducted by Herman Trutner Jr., makes the first appearance of its 44th annual summer season in the bandstand at Lakeside park, Sunday, June 15, at 2 p.m.

STACY H. DOBRZENSKY, member of the law firm of Fitzgerald, Abbott and Beardsley was installed as President of the Alameda County Heart Association.

## Brown says people don't want a 'grim, belligerent man'

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next November as it is humanly possible to do. I intend to talk specifically about specific issues—as I have in the past several months—in the hope that they too will join with their fellow Republicans and Democrats who have made this day a day of victory for California, and of solemn rejoicing for me.

"I know that there is a long, hard fight ahead. It will take the sweat and support of hundreds of thousands of loyal volunteer workers who have made sacrifices of time and money in my campaign in the past several months, to assure ultimate victory.

"With their generous aid, and without the silent help of countless other men and women, this tremendous primary victory would not have been possible. With their continued help, I am confident that I shall be elected Governor next November."

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## Pickett named secretary of Railroad Employees

CHICAGO — Howard Pickett, assistant to the president of the AFLCIO Railroad Employees' Department since 1953, has been named secretary-treasurer of the department.

Pickett, 53 years old, began working on the Wabash railroad in 1923 as a carman and was active in the drive to organize that craft which culminated in the establishment of representation rights for the Railway Carmen in 1937. He became a local chairman in 1939 and general chairman in 1941, and headed the Wabash system federation for many years.—AFLCIO News.

## Industrial building down in April for second month

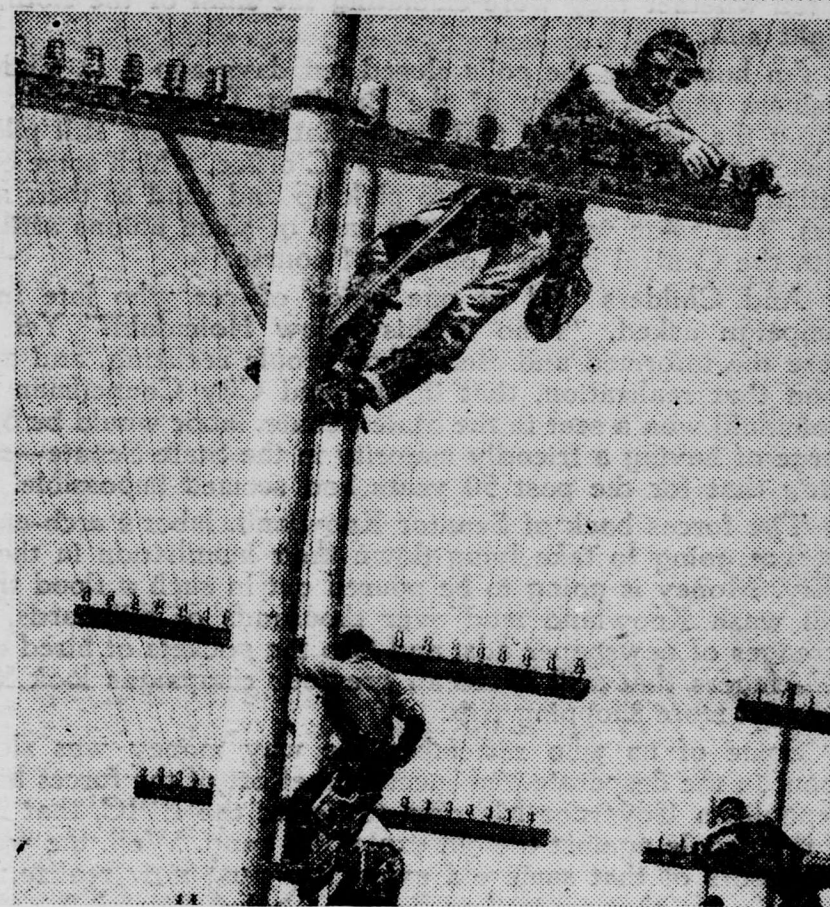
Industrial building in the Bay Area declined in April, continuing a two month trend, the Bay Area Council reported recently. Permits issued in April were valued at \$1,640,091, a substantial drop from the total for April of 1957 when permits issued were valued at \$6,179,231.

Office building permits were valued at \$612,582, considerably below the \$5,115,649 recorded for April, 1957. April store building permits totaled \$1,888,053 compared to \$3,602,432 for the corresponding month the previous year, the Council reported.

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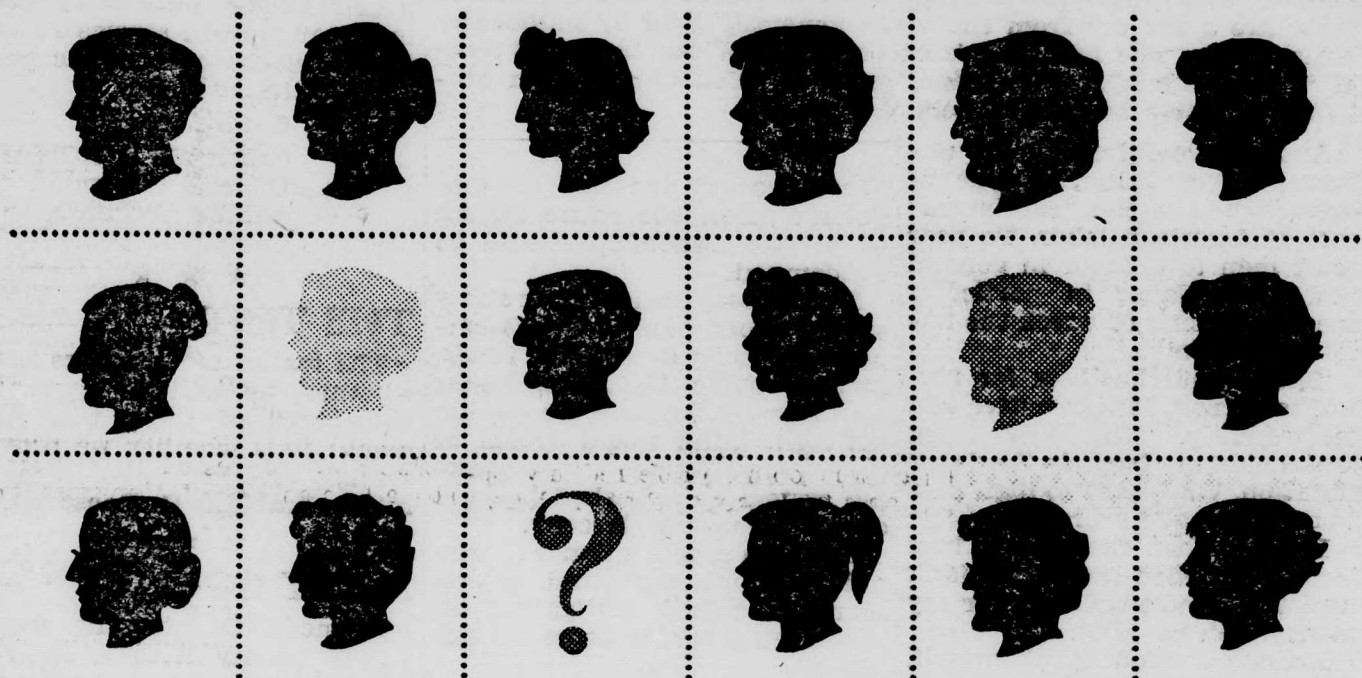
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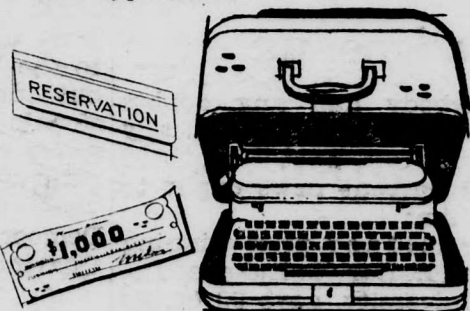


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Official entry blanks, together with complete contest rules, are now being distributed to unions throughout the country. Additional forms can be obtained by writing to "Miss Union Secretary Contest," c/o Union Advertising Service, 302 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

Deadline for entries is September 15th—but

don't wait for deadline day...get your entry form and complete your entry right now.



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## Ten days already lost in fast race to Nov. 4!

Any labor people who haven't been working since the primary election to win the general election for their candidates have already lost 10 days in a mighty fast race.

For after the punishment which labor's candidates inflicted on anti-labor millionaires in the primary election, you may be sure that the race from now to November 4 is going to move at such speed that it will make the primary campaign seem like a race between a snail and a sloth.

Some of our labor people in the primary campaign were so negligent in the face of grim political realities that it was hard to tell whether they were emulating the snail or the sloth, one might add.

An hour after the polls closed ten days ago J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, was telling the delegates to that body that there were still piles of unused campaign material in the BTC office, which some of the affiliated unions had failed to pick up and send to their members. The same was true in the case of some unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council, of course.

And Childers told of one union officer who late in the campaign asked, "Who is this fellow Holmdahl?" Yet here were the informed and alert labor people realizing, and acting upon that realization, that if Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl won a seat in the State Senate, labor would be on the verge of having a friendly majority in the State Senate—something that for the past 50 years had seemed impossible.

The forces back of Senator Knowland, labor's arch-enemy, are not going to take lying down their humiliation in the primary. Money is going to be poured out in such a flood that it will wash Knowland mud over thousands of billboards, vast acreages of newspaper ads, and into the pockets of hired door-bell-ringers that will make all previous campaigns look like a ten-cent store shopping trip.

Some of us who remember the way money was sloshed about in the desperate and successful effort of the forces behind Republican Governor Merriam to defeat the EPIC, that rising of the people against the old exploiting gang. Well, the worthy successors of that same old exploiting gang now realize, after the primary, that again they face disaster. So watch the money slosh this time!

Those of us who have lost ten days in this race had better get under way, and lose no more time! Time, as they say, is of the essence. And the anti-labor people are going to buy a lot of it. So labor had better begin hotfooting it.

## Tough weather with squalls

Barron's, the national business and financial weekly, recently published a front page full page editorial entitled "New Era for Labor: The Years of Easy, Inflationary Gains Are Over." After outlining the Senate hearings and allied matters, the editorial continues:

"In short, as even their staunchest allies doubtless would concede, the unions today are adrift in a sea of trouble. However, thus far at any rate, neither friend nor foe has come to realize the true extent of their plight. After twenty years of steady aggrandizement, organized labor at last has run athwart of the checks and balances inherent in the free society. Sooner or later, albeit reluctantly, Washington will move to curb some of the unwarranted privileges and immunities conferred on it by unwise law."

The argument is advanced that it is not merely political trouble which labor faces, but economic:

"Economically speaking, mighty forces even now are working toward the same end. Though barely nine months old, the current slump already has taken a heavy toll of the once vaunted bargaining power of the large industrial unions. In coming years, moreover, its effects will be increased by a major increase in the number of young workers seeking their first jobs."

The business paper contends that even with recovery from the recession, there will not be a return to what it calls "superfull employment," as a basic change is taking place in the labor supply. The labor supply remained relatively small throughout most of the postwar era, reflecting the low birthrate of the depressed 'thirties. But now, this month, "roughly 1,500,000 high school and college graduates will be seeking their first jobs, up 10% from last year and 25% from five years ago."

While labor people will not face this prospect of a "new era for labor" gleefully, as the business paper does, they should certainly face it, and prepare for tough weather with squalls.

NEGRO UNEMPLOYMENT has been generally double that of white workers during the past decade. It is now more than double. One more reason Negroes feel impatient when President Eisenhower tells them they should be patient.

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## The Battle, Sir, Is This Way!



## BILLIONAIRE OILMAN: I'M UNION MAN MYSELF

Billionaire oilman Jean Paul Getty, reputedly the world's richest private citizen, is eminently qualified to discuss the art of making money, says the AFL-CIO News. But his views on organized labor are a far cry from the views generally held by millionaire businessmen. The following is excerpted from the June 1958 issue of "True—The Man's Magazine," entitled "You Can Make a Million," by Getty as told to Bela von Block:

Another woeful cry of the unsuccessful or faltering type of businessman is the "exorbitant" cost of American labor. To hear some men talk, labor in general and union labor in particular are threatening to wreck the national economy.

"I'd go into business for myself tomorrow," an executive told me recently. "The only thing that holds me back is the labor situation. Wages are so high that I couldn't make a profit."

I hope this executive's boss is satisfied with him. I wouldn't hire the man on a bet. For my money, he's an idiot.

I am a "union man" myself. I don't carry a union card or pay dues to any local, but I do believe in unions and I believe that free, honest labor unions are our greatest guarantees of continuing prosperity and our strongest bulwark against social or economic totalitarianism.

True, some unions and union officials abuse their power. A few, from all I can gather, are controlled by Communists or gangsters or both.

**'SOME' DOESN'T MEAN 'ALL'**  
On the other hand, some businessmen abuse their power too. Some are unethical or even downright crooks. Simply be-

cause "some" are this or that doesn't mean the entire system of private ownership should be condemned.

Newspapers sometimes carry stories about bank officials embezzling their depositors' funds. Despite these incidents, banks continue to flourish. No one in his right mind would dream of suggesting that the entire banking system be abolished because of an occasional larceny.

Yet let a single union—or even a local—turn sour, and a loud alarm is raised castigating all organized labor. It doesn't make sense.

High pay and good working conditions mean more buying power and more production. As buying power increases, so do sales and profits.

We pride ourselves on the level of the American standard of living. We boast that the majority of Americans have decent homes, cars, radios television sets and all the rest. This would hardly be possible if the great mass of workers wasn't well—even highly—paid. "Excessive" labor cost is a handy excuse to cover up inept management's inability to meet competition. (Copyright 1958—Fawcett Publications).

## Lovely couple

I've got a piece of gossip that just won't keep: The DAR and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce are going steady. They make a lovely couple. Those chamber fellows perhaps are not so pretty as the girls of the DAR but what they lack in sex appeal they make up in fossilized thinking and that gives the romance a common ground of interest that promises them a long and happy life together.—Edward P. Morgan in AFL-CIO News.

## Bit off key

In bold block letters, white outlined by black, a Seattle furniture store proclaimed: "OK IKE President Eisenhower says 'buy' and end the Recession. In cooperation we have cut our prices to the Bone."

Among the bargains advertised were these:

"Repossessed Innerspring Mattress & Box Spring."

"Repossessed Maple Bunk Beds."

Somehow, this doesn't seem to be in the spirit of the thing.—Washington Teamster.

## We're ignorant

If anybody had any doubts that there is something radically wrong with U. S. education, these items of current news ought to startle him:

The Pulitzer prize-winning historian, R. Carlyle Buley of Indiana University, gave 90 of his students an informal quiz in American history. Of the 90, only eight could identify the Bill of Rights, only four knew what a right-to-work law is, only 15 came anywhere near estimating the population of the U. S., and none could name a scholarly history of the country or an author who had written one.

A study made by Opinion Research Corp. for Life magazine discloses that only 10 percent of the population can name two living scientists. Moreover, staff writer Paul O'Neil discloses, one-third of the population still doubts that scientists "can be trusted with the secrets of" "important new discoveries"—even though it would seem obvious by now that there will be no U. S. discoveries at all unless scientists discover them.—New York Herald Tribune.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .  
We Run 'Em!

## CP EXTENDS THANKS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Thank you for your services and help during Cerebral Palsy Month and particularly on our "March on Cerebral Palsy".

Through your efforts and the work of thousands of volunteers, our drive for funds to help the cerebral palsied was very close to being a complete success. We are most grateful.

On behalf of those afflicted with this dread disorder and of the agency dedicated to help them, again we say "thank you."

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. PICKERING,  
Public Relations Committee

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## WATER BONDS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Your newspaper is to be commended for its generous support for Proposition B, the East Bay water bond issue which was approved overwhelmingly by your readers.

On behalf of the Citizens Committee for Water Development we wish to thank you and your staff for rendering another important public service so vital to the ultimate economic progress of the East Bay.

Cordially,

CHARLES P. HOWARD,  
General Chairman  
JAMES V. ZENO,  
Campaign Manager

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## THE TEST

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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## A KEY COUNTY

Alameda County, the second largest county in the state, registration-wise, has become the pivotal county politically in any state election contest. California in turn ranks next to New York in importance in national elections. This makes Alameda County one of the most important political areas in the United States.—J. M. Hardin, County GOP Chairman.

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## YEAR FOR DEMOS

The 1958 general election is a big one for both parties. Republicans really need to build their grass roots strength to be in shape. Democrats, if they win big in 1958, can have such a head start on 1960 that their return to the White House will look all but inevitable. To the professionals in Washington—who never really take their eyes off politics—the portents thus far visible make 1958 look like a Democratic year.—Congressional Quarterly.

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## LAST WORD

In Akron, Ohio, AFL-CIO leaders told the story of the anti-union efficiency expert who died and was being given a lavish funeral by the company. Leaving the church six pallbearers were carrying the casket. Suddenly the lid snapped open and the efficiency expert sat bolt upright, glaring at those around him. "If you had put this thing on wheels," he shouted, "you could lay off four men."—The Carpenter.

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## TWO GREAT MEN

In all the decisions and actions of Jimmy Hoffa and John English, the welfare of the union has always come first. — International Teamster (Editor: James R. Hoffa)